

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 4842–4846; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 351–352 and H. Res. 601–603, were introduced. **Page H11023**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Hepatitis C: Silent Epidemic, Mute Public Health Response (H. Rept. 105–820);

Medicare Home Health Services: No Surety in the Fight Against Fraud and Waste; and (H. Rept. 105–821); and

H.R. 2748, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance and slots with respect to air carrier service between high density airports and airports not receiving sufficient air service, to improve jet aircraft service to underserved (H. Rept. 105–822, part 1). **Page H11023**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Riggs to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10919**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Regarding Visa Processing: H.R. 4821, to extend into fiscal year 1999 the visa processing period for diversity applicants whose visa processing was suspended during fiscal year 1998 due to embassy bombings; **Pages H10924–25**

Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement: S.J. Res. 35, granting the consent of Congress to the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10925–27**

Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact: S. 1134, granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10927–28**

Regarding the Brutal Killing of Matthew Shepard: H. Res. 597, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the brutal killing of Mr. Matthew Shepard; **Pages H10928–35**

Regarding Food Stamp Overpayment: S. 1733, to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to require food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study of options for the design, development, implementation, and operation of a national database to track participation in Federal means-tested public assistance programs (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 386 yeas with 1 voting

“nay”, Roll No. 533)—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10935–37, H10966–67**

Regarding Contracts and Leases with Respect to Coalbed Methane Gas: S. 2500, to protect the sanctity of contracts and leases entered into by surface patent holders with respect to coalbed methane gas—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10937–39**

Regarding Oil and Gas Operation in Wayne National Forest: H.R. 1467, amended, to provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest; **Pages H10939–40**

Regarding Use of Outer Continental Shelf Resources: H.R. 3972, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from charging State and local government agencies for certain uses of the sand, gravel, and shell resources of the outer Continental Shelf; **Pages H10940–42**

Regarding Revenues from Mineral Springs Parcel: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10942–44, H10967**

Regarding Boundaries of F.D.R. National Historic Site: H.R. 4829, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center; **Pages H10944–45, H10967**

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site Boundary Adjustment: S. 2272, to amend the boundaries of Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in the State of Montana—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10945, H10967**

Regarding Taxation of Pension Income: H.R. 4572, amended, to clarify that governmental pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income; **Pages H10949–50**

Regarding the United States Code: H.R. 4831, amended, to temporarily reenact chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code; **Pages H10950–51**

Energy Conservation Reauthorization: The House agreed to the Senate amendment with House

amendments to S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 2002;

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Regarding Rewards for Information: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4660, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual for the commission of an act, or conspiracy to act, of international terrorism, narcotics related offenses, or for serious violations of international humanitarian law relating to the Former Yugoslavia;

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Regarding Foreign Imports of Steel: H. Res. 598, calling on the President to take all necessary measures to respond to the surge of steel imports resulting from the financial crises in Asia, Russia, and other regions (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 345 yeas to 44 nays, Roll No. 532);

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Redesignating U.S. Capitol Police Headquarters: S. Con. Res. 120, to redesignate the United States Capitol Police headquarters building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., as the “Eney, Chestnut, Gibson Memorial Building”; and

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Regarding Amendments to H.R. 2204: H. Res. 602, providing for the concurrence of the House to the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard.

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Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Regarding Cultural Resource of Route 66: S. 2133, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance (failed by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 190 nays, with two-thirds required for passage, Roll No. 534); and

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Bandelier National Monument Administrative Improvement and Watershed Protection: S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the Monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, to authorize purchase or donation of those lands (failed by a ye and nay vote of 194 yeas to 190 nays, with two-thirds required for passage, Roll No. 535).

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 3:08 p.m.

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Returning Bill to Senate: The House agreed to H. Res. 601, returning to the Senate the bill S. 361, to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

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Lands at Hyde Park, New York: The House passed S. 2241, to provide for the acquisition of lands formerly occupied by the Franklin D. Roosevelt family at Hyde Park, New York—clearing the measure for the President.

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Correcting Enrollment of H.R. 3910: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 351, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3910.

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Correcting Enrollment of H.R. 3461: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 352, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3461.

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Remembering George Washington: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 83, remembering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation.

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Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999: H. Res. 602, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard.

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British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Bereuter, Chairman; Regula, Vice Chairman; Boehlert, Bateman, Gillmor, Roukema, Ballenger, Blunt, Sisisky, Pickett, Wise and Tanner.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10919–20, H10957–58, and H11007.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10965–66, H10966–67, H10967–68, and H10968. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China:
Met in executive session to continue to receive briefings.

Will continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1998

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, executive, to continue to receive briefings, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.